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		Filing Date	November 24, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Brett
		Art Unit	
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Firm or Individual name	Karen Dana Oster	
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Date	January 7, 2004	

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
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Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	-20** =	[] X []	= 0
Independent Claims	-3** =	[] X []	= 0
Multiple Dependent		[]	= 0

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Applicant: Brett Group Art Unit:
Serial No.: 10/722,685 Examiner:
Filed: 11-24-2003 Docket No.: ExpC:EptaWed
Title: Epidural Thermal Posterior Annuloplasty

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §1.98

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a list of references of which he is aware and which he desires to have considered by the Patent Office in accordance with 37 CFR Sec. 1.97. In accordance with 37 CFR Sec. 1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

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The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information supplied by the inventor and the information in the file.

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Respectfully submitted,

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		US- 4573448	03-04-1986	Kambin	
		US- 5084043	01-28-1992	Hertzmann et al.	
		US- 5203353	04-20-1993	Easley et al.	
		US- 5334193	08-02-1994	Nardella	
		US- 5348554	09-20-1994	Imran et al.	
		US- 5374265	12-20-1994	Sand	
		US- 5433739	07-18-1995	Sluijter et al.	
		US- 5458596	10-17-1995	Lax et al.	
		US- 5484432	01-16-1996	Sand	
		US- 5514130	05-07-1996	Baker	
		US- 5569242	10-29-1996	Lax et al.	
		US- 5571147	11-05-1996	Sluijter et al.	
		US- 5785705	07-28-1998	Baker	
		US- 5865833	02-02-1999	Daikuzono	
		US- 5954716	09-21-1999	Sharkey et al.	
		US- 6007533	12-28-1999	Casscells et al.	
		US- 6007570	12-28-1999	Sharkey et al.	
		US- 6053909	04-25-2000	Shadduck	

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		WO 01/26570	04-19-2001	Arthrocare Corporation		

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		US- 6068828	05-30-2000	Fanton et al.	
		US- 6071280	06-06-2000	Edwards et al.	
		US- 6073051	06-06-2000	Sharkey et al.	
		US- 6095149	08-01-2000	Sharkey et al.	
		US- 6104957	08-15-2000	Alo et al.	
		US- 6119041	09-12-2000	Pomeranz et al.	
		US- 6122549	09-19-2000	Sharkey et al.	
		US- 6168593	01-02-2001	Sharkey et al.	
		US- 6264650	07-24-2001	Honda et al.	
		US- 6264651	07-24-2001	Underwood et al.	
		US- 6277112	08-21-2001	Underwood et al.	
		US- 6277116	08-21-2001	Utely et al.	
		US- 6283960	09-04-2001	Ashley	
		US- 6283961	09-04-2001	Underwood et al.	
		US- 6290699	09-18-2001	Hall et al.	
		US- 6402740	06-11-2002	Ellis et al.	
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